

Meeting Record

MPO Technical Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 2, 2004

555 South 10th, Room 113

Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS AND OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Allan Abbott, Roger Figard, Randy Hoskins, Larry Worth, Karl Fredrickson; Public Works/Utilities, Marvin Krout; Planning, Marc Wullschleger; Urban Development, Don Thomas, Doug Pillard (representing Larry Worrell); County Engineering, John Wood; Lincoln Airport Authority; Ron Schlautman (representing Steve McBeth), Rich Ruby, and James Miller (representing Jim Nodel); NDOR.

OTHERS: Mike Brienzo, Karen Sieckmeyer; Public Works/Utilities, Kent Morgan, Steve Henrichsen, David Cary, Duncan Ross; Planning, Jon Large; Lincoln Airport Authority; and Steve Burnham; Federal Highway Administration; Phyllis Hergenrader; FOWP, Mike Heyl; Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department; Dalcyce Ronna; PBAC; and Bryce Wagnen; NDOR

STATED PURPOSE

OF THE MEETING: Technical Committee Meeting

Allan Abbott called the meeting to order and roll was taken.

Agenda Item No. 1 - Review and action on the draft minutes of the July 30, 2004, Technical Committee Meeting.

A motion was made by Marc Wullschleger to approve the minutes, Don Thomas seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 2 - Review and action on a proposed amendment to the *City of Lincoln and Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan* to include the *Airport West Subarea Report* as proposed by the Lincoln Planning Department. The Technical Committee recommendation is to be forwarded to the Lincoln/Lancaster Planning Commission for review.

Duncan Ross, from the Planning Department, reviewed the Airport West Subarea Plan, which is a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. The Technical Committee is reviewing it today because of the transportation elements in the proposed Subarea Plan. When adopted by the City and County, these elements will be a portion of the Comprehensive Plan Long Range Transportation Plan. The Airport West Subarea Plan is generally the area from W "O" Street to Hiway 34, NW 27 to NW 70th. It was initially being looked as a result of the changes into the airport noise contours that were changed in August of this year. Due to the scoping of this subarea, it was determined that there were a number of issues that needed to be revised.

Three alternatives were developed in August of this year. These alternatives were reviewed by the property owners in this area and by City and County staff. A fourth alternative, Alternative D, was taken back to the

neighborhood in November and it resembles the proposed plan that is before you today.

- Identification of land for new Industrial and Employment Center along Interstate 80 centered on the NW 48th Street interchange. Nearly 800 acres north of I-80 are shown for future commercial and industrial uses in well planned and landscaped Industrial Park setting.
- Continued development of the Air Park West Industrial Park, including potential new roadways and road alignments to better serve and facilitate development of this land by the Lincoln Airport Authority.
- Identification of land suitable for a public-private partnership to bring new housing to the old “Huskerville” area at NW 48th and West Cumming in the near-term.
- A preferred location west of NW 56th and south of West Adams for a potential Joint-Use Facility, that is under discussion with Lincoln Public Schools, Park and Recreation, Lincoln City Libraries, Lincoln Housing Authority, and other agencies.
- A potential realignment of NW 48th Street, from West Adams to West Cumming, to the east at NW 46th Street. This could provide a better transition to residential uses in Arnold Heights and allow better access and visibility for Air Park West commercial and industrial uses. A number of alignments were evaluated, and this plan contains the preferred alignment for NW 48th Street.
- An alignment for West Superior to West Cumming, from NW 70th to NW 48th, concluding a study called for in the Comprehensive Plan.
- A new minor arterial street, NW 40th/38th Street, from West “O” Street to US Highway 34, to provide better access and a potential route for truck traffic and service to Air Park West.
- A new overpass on Interstate 80 at NW 40th Street in order to provide additional access and movement within the subarea.

Ross stated that on December 8, 2004, there will be a public hearing in front of Planning Commission. During the public hearing, the Technical Committee will be making a recommendation to the Planning Commission. Mike Brienzo mentioned that the only comment that he had received was concerning the pedestrian/bicycle facilities identified in the subarea plan on NW 56th Street and NW 40th Street at the I-80 overpasses. The map doesn’t show it that way. NW 56th was a point of grade separation, it should be NW 57th. The plan discourages grade separations at arterial intersections. As far as NW 40 and NW 56th Street, the suggestion in the plan is to have two crossings instead of just one. In the existing plan, we show the crossing at NW 48th Street where the interchange is but it is also identified in our plan as an orange dotted line which means that the exact crossing is not yet determined. The State indicates that the crossing at NW 48th Street, given the design of the interchange, is not going to work for a pedestrian/bicycle facility. It will need to be on NW 56th Street or at a different location.

Assuming this body recommends approval from a land use and transportation standpoint, does not mean that this body is recommending the approval of the phasing and timing or the fiscal resources to accomplish this. Ross said they don’t have an answer on how to address these costs but they are working on a number of

things. These projects will compete other community based projects for funding resources.

John Wood apologized for missing the deadline for comments, but outside of their property on West Vine, West of 40th Street; the roads slants North. Is there a way that the road could slant up to the East side of 40th Street so that the major intersection of 40th Street is farther North? Discussion was held and a decision was made to move the alignment of the road.

Discussion was held on the NW 48th Street Improvements. There are some utility issues with water mains and traffic counts that need to be completed. The biggest problem is right-of-way. John Wood is not trying to commit the Airport Authority to something in the future. He thinks it is reasonable to assume future right-of-way would be at no cost to the City. It is also reasonable to assume that as the City develops Airpark, the Airport Authority will be out ahead of the City and it may be that the Airport Authority ends up building two of those lanes ahead of the City and when the City gets ready to begin work, it will only have the other half to build. Wood reiterated that this is not an absolute given but it is reasonable to make these assumptions.

Don Thomas made a motion for the acceptance of this plan with the amendment for Vine Street, seconded by Roger Figard. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 3 - Update an amendment to the *City of Lincoln and Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan* to include the freeway design of the *US-77 Corridor, West Lincoln Bypass Study* as proposed by the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Mike Brienzo stated this is the US Hiway 77 Amendment, upgrading US Hiway 77 West of Lincoln to a freeway status which was recommended by this body in July. The Planning Commission recommended it to the City Council and County Board. The amendment was adopted by the City Council on October 11, 2004. The amendment you have before you is in addition to what you reviewed in July. The County Board extended the public hearing on this amendment and is expected to take action on December 7th.

Roger asked if the Technical Committee hadn't already taken action on this amendment. Mike responded that we are not looking for any action but this is for information at this point.

Agenda Item No. 4 - Discussion and action on the addition of Planning Department Staff to MPO Technical Committee.

Marvin Krout handed out information on the Multi-Modal Transportation Study Plan. Krout stated that the report was one of the mandated activities for the Planning Department in the adopted Comprehensive Plan in June, 2002. One recommendation in the report is to designate a staff person as the Multi-Modal Transportation Coordinator. The Planning Department would like to recommend this position be a part of the Technical Committee. General discussion was held regarding this issue. The Technical Committee will be recommending to the Officials Committee that the Operations Plan be amended to include this position. In the future, the Multi-Modal Transportation Coordinator will work with Public Works to insure the Long Range Transportation Plan has the appropriate emphasis on Multi-Modal Transportation.

Abbott said that if this body is not opposed to having a Multi-Modal Coordinator, then he would like to have a motion that recommends this position be a member of the Technical Committee. In addition, Mike Brienzo

will get the appropriate documentation completed to amend the Operations Plan.

Karl Fredrickson made a motion that we make amendments to create a Multi-Modal Coordinator as so designated and recognized by the Mayor to sit as a Technical Committee member, seconded by Schlautman. Motion carried by unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 5 - Other topics for discussion. Status of Nebraska LRTP.

Ron Schlautman mentioned that all of the information regarding the Long Range Transportation Plan is on the State's website. Abbott requested the State update the Technical Committee on this topic at the next meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.